# HISTORY OF WESTMORELAND, MOST FAMOUS CLUB IN SOUTH



# MANY GREAT NAMES ARE ON ROSTER

Some of the Most Noted of Confederate Generals Were Members.

### **IMPROVEMENTS** TO BUILDINGS

Interior Changed in Many Respects, and Now Very Handsome.

land, and several were active in its or-ganization and direction for years. A few of the old guard, the flower of Virginia chivalry during the last half of the nine-teenth century, still linger amid the fa-miliar scenes, where they were wont to meet in congenial converse and associa-tion, those who have passed over the tion those who have passed over the

of men in every other-honorable vocation The most prominent furists, barristers statesmen, physicians, journalists, teach ers, scholars, bankers, scientists, mer chant, manufacturers and captains of in chant, manufacturers and captulas of in-dustry who have contributed to the growth and development of Virginia have been and are members of this club, and many from other cities and other States swell the roll of distinction, which gives the organization such prestige, and makes membership therein so much cov-eted. The list of its presidents is a roll of honor.

of a club, which later developed into the Westmoreland, were taken at a meeting held at the old St. James Hotel on Mon held at the old St. James Hotel on Mon-day, January 29, 1877, at which there were present General Harry Heth, Messrs. N. Bowditch Clapp, John Dunlop, John A. Elder, Philip Haxail, John Enders Rob-inson, William R. Smith, Philip A. Well-ford and General Dabney H. Maury, The purpose was to establish a dignified or-ganization, where business and profes-sional men might meet and enjoy the comforts of a club, with its literature and all the other incidentals of such an orall the other incidentals of such an organization. It was stipulated at the very outset that no betting was to be permitted and no open bar maintained.

Name Selected. meeting, which adjourned after attending to the preliminaries of organization. Another meeting was held February 5th, at which there were present, in addition to most of those named, John Hampden Chamberlayne, Benjamin Gray, Colonel Julian Harrison, Colonel Richard L. Maury, George Norton, John Ott, Colonel William H. Palmer, Colonel T. M. R. Taltott, John R. Triplett, Jr., General I. M. St. John, It was at this meeting that the name of the club was selected, and it was upon the motion of John Hampden Chamberlayne, founder of the old Richmond State, and one of the best known Another meeting was held February 5th

BILLIARD ROOM

terms. Charles E. Wortham, who served

served two terms.

Major Otway S. Allen, who served two

one term.
Mr. Virginius Newton, who served two

Mr. J. B. Mosby, who served two terms,

At the annual meeting in February, 1878, the old officers were re-elected, but on June 10th of that year General Harry Heth, the president, tendered his resig-Heth, the president, tendered his resignation, having been appointed to a government position necessitating his removal from the city. Resolutions of respect were adopted. Colonel William H. Falmer was chosen president to succeed

General Heth.

Colonel Palmer was succeeded in 1879 by Hon. Anthony M. Kelley, afterwards judge of International Court at Cairo, who served for two or three years, and it was during his incumbency that the club began negotiations for the purchase of its present elegant home at Sixth and Graco Streets, which it has occupied continuously ever since, enlarging it from time to time, as the exigencles of the situation demanded. \* The house was at that time demanded. The house was at that time the residence of the Hon. James Lyons. and was purchased by the club June 14, 1879, at a cost of \$15,000.

1869, at a cost of \$16,000.

From that time to the present the best traditions of the founders of what is now a historic organization have been maintained, and the club to-day is as jealous of its present and its future as it is proud of its past.

## List of Presidents.

The scope of a newspaper article does not permit of any further delying into the long and honorable career of the Westmoreland, but the list of presidents will indicate in some measure the character of men who have been chosen as representative of the organization. They are, in addition to those already named: Dr. J. S. D'Orsay Cullen, who served two terms.

Dr. James B. McCaw, who served two terms.

Colonel Francis M. Boykin, who served

Mr. Edward Cohen, who served one term. Mr. Charles U. Williams, who served

terms.
Mr. Thomas M. Rutherfoord, who served

terms.
Mr. A. H. Christian, Jr., who served two



aione survives. He is a fine type of the old Virginia gentlemen, and beloved and revered by all the members. His famfliarity with the history of the club makes him a most entertaining raconteur of its

to enumerate, even from the records, the distinguished men who have been connected with the club, and such distinctions might prove invidious. Take the list of Virginia Confederate generals and almost

Virginia Confederate generals and almost every one at some time has been connected with the club. The greatest jurists Virginia has produced have met their fellows around the fireside in this old club.

The great journalists, the diplomatists, the literary men, sculptors, artists, poets, scholars, physicians, manufacturers and merchants of this city, and of several States mave added to the sclat of the club. Upon its walls are many portraits of its members. A handsomer collection is seldom seen.

is seldom seen.

The portrait gallery of the club is an The portrait gallery of the club is an object of peculiar interest to visitors. Among the collection is a rare Stuart portrait of Washington, and another painted from the Houdon statue in the capital. There are pictures of the old Washington residence in Westmoreland, and of various historic spots in Virginia. Going back further into history, the club owns a magnificent old early seventeenth century print of Queen Elizabeth, made about 1005, and presented by an English visitor to the club. Splendid full-length portraits of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, and the pecriess Lee are portraits of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, and the peerless Lee are conspicuous in the parlors. There are other portraits of Stonewall Jackson, Joseph E. Johnston, Commodore Maury, P. G. T. Beauregard, Joseph E. Johnston, Dabney H. Maury, and numerous others. The atmosphere of the club is vibrant with living history of the most glorious periods of this country.

Among the splendid paintings owned by the club, is the famous portrayal of the Battle of the Crater, in 1854, and another magnificent painting entitled "The Scout," both masterpleces. These were purchased from the estate of the late General William Mahone, and are highly prized as works of art.

ork. This is a tine specimen, and is nother of the club's art treasures.

cessories desirable in a clubhouse, such as cafe, billiard and poolrooms, gamerooms, reading-rooms and library, sun-parlors, general dining-room, ladies

dining-hall, general reception-room, smoking-room, offices and quarters for employes, the building has eighteen or twenty elegant bedrooms, with baths attached. The furnishings generally are of mahogany, and are elegant and massive in the larger rooms. The smoking-room is furnished with large grained chestnut furnities. In the band-grained chestnut furnities, in the band-grained chestnut furnities, in the band-grained chestnut furnities. grained chestnut furniture, in the hand-some gray effect, and the apartment is partitioned off in such a way as to

dining-hall, general reception-room, smok

is partitioned out in such a way as to afford privacy to small groups.

In the yard of the Westmoreland is a tree with a remarkable history. The old willow is a slip transplanted from one that stands beside the temb of Washone that stands beside the tomb of Wash-ington at Mount Vernon, and even that at the nation's shrine is but a trans-plantation from the willow planted be-side the original grave of Napoleon Bonaparte at desolate St. Helena. The old tree is still flourishing, as if proud of its own history.

### Complete List of Resident Members of Westmoreland Club

F. W. Adams, Edmund B. Addison, Thomas Adkins, Otis M. Alfriend, Otway S. Allen, Archer Anderson, Charles J. Anderson, George Wayne Anderson, H.

S. Allen, Archer Anderson, Charles J.
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W. Anderson, James H. Anderson, James
L. Anderson, John T. Anderson, C. B.
Antrim, Hugh Antrim, J. Linwood Antrim,
William W. Archer, R. B. Arnold, George
Ainsile, Ivey L. Arrington, R. Turner
Arrington, Thomas Atkinson, S. G. Atkins, Decatur Axtell.
H. B. Baker, L. F. Barnes, A.
J. Battle, Jr., Joseph B. Beasley, E. L. Bemiss, E. L. Benson,
Oscar H. Berry, John D. Blair, W. Harrison Blair, Blair Bolling, Louis Borchers,
Charles E. Borden, Charles G. Bosher,
Lewis C. Bosher, L. H. Bosher, Percy S.
Bosher, R. S. Bosher, Charles M. Boswell,
James N. Boyd, H. Godwin Boykin, Carter W. Branch, John P. Branch, J.
Kerr Branch, M. C. Branch, Lewis W.
Brander, William M. Bridges, Morris O.
Brooks, J. St. George Bryan, Joseph Brooks, J. St. George Bryan, Joseph Bryan, J. Stewart Bryan, George Bryan, Jonathan Bryan, R. C. Bryan, T. P. Bryan, H. C. Buchanan, Walter Buckner, A. Sydney Buford, A. S. Buford, Jr.; C. P.

E. Burgwyn, H. T. Burnley. Henry L. Cabell, J. Alston Cabell, R. G. Cabell, Alexander Cameron, Alexander Cameron, Jr., William Cameron, H. M.

P. L. Conquest, W. T. Conquest, Charles
B. Cooke, W. S. Copeland, James A. Cowardin, E. P. Cox, Oscar Cranz, L. D.
Crenshaw, S. Dabney Crenshaw, Beverly
T. Crump, James D. Crump, Sol. Cutchins,
William E. Cutshaw,
Charles Davenport, Frank A. Davenport,
Gideon A. Davenport, Isaac Davenport,
J. P. Davidson, D. O. Davis, W. F.
Dennis, James H. Dooley, S. J. Doswell,
C. E. Doyle, W. S. Drewry, R. A. Dunlon, L. Conquest, W. T. Conquest, Charles

C. E. Doyle, W. S. Drewry, R. A. Dunlop

John C. Easley, Dr. Ed. Eggleston, A. R. Ellerson, H. Watkins Ellerson, Henry G. Ellett, John S. Ellett, John S. Ellett, Jr., Tazewell Ellett, B. H. Ellington, J. Taylor Ellyson, H. Theodore Ellyson, Ed.

John G. Fairland, G. L. Fauntleroy, Blanchard S. Forbes, W. L. Foushee, Harry Frazler, George J. Freedley, J. C. Freeman, O. Herbort Funsten. C. B. Garnett, John P. George, George A. Gibson M. M. Gilliam, Rolfe E. Glover,

A. M. Glover, James R. Gordon, R. Lati-mer Gordon, James W. Graves, James H.

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Jones, H. Stewart Jones, John Jones,
Meriwether Jones,
George H. Keesee, J. P. Kennedy, O.
H. King.
William F. LaBonta, David Laird, Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., J. Landstreet, John
P. Lea, D. H. Leake, Egbert G. Leigh, Jr.,
G. B. Lindenberger, R. H. Lindsey,
R. E. Macomber, R. N. Macomber, Miles
M. Martin, Fügene C. Massie, William R.
Massie, Denne Maury, Richard L. Maury, B. McCaw, Edward McGuire, Stuart Mc-

L, Stone, George L. Street, Charles S.
Stringfellow, E. B. Sydnor.
T. Garnett Tabb, P. B. Tallaferro, Williamson Talley, Nat. Talley, A. R. Tatum,
H. M. Taylor, Edgar D. Taylor, John M.
Taylor, Philip Taylor, H. Seldon Taylor,
W. B. Tennant, James T. Tinsley, E. B.
Thomason, William A. Townes, Samuel
W. Travers.
William H. Urquhart.
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Benjamin B. Valentine, Edward P. Valentine, Edward V. Valentine, F. S. Valentine, Granville G. Valentine, H. L. Valentine, James M. Valentine, Mann S. Valentine, I. N. Vaughan, E. K. Vletor, 

# THIRTIETH YEAR NEAR ITS CLOSE

List of Its Presidents From Organization to the Present.

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Growth of Organization and the Present Membership of

D. Langhorne, Greenwood, Va.; Robert E.
Lee, Fuirfax, Va.; G. H. Lindenberger,
Louisville, Ky.; T. M. Logan, New York
City; Heth Lorton, New York City; Edward Lyle, Roanoke, Va.
L. H. Machen, Alexandria, Va.; W. A.
MacMahon, New York City; Richard C.
Marshall, Fortsmouth, Va.; Thormas S.
Martin, United States Senate; J. C. Martin, Norfolk, Va.; H. L. Maynard, Portamouth, Va.; E. C. Means, Low Moor, Va.;
C. W. Meyer, New York City; H. B. Miller, Meherrin, Va.; Roy G. Mitchell, 2d.
Brownsburg, Va.; G. L. Monroe, Washington, D. C.; General E. Morrell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. Wickham Murray, Goshen, N. Y.